

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Oakland (1883?)  
My dear Alec:

Truly it was humble pie you have had to swallow, and most awful pie too. I feel my cheeks getting hot when I think of it and your being called not a gentleman. I had hoped it was too small a matter for such big peoples remembrance. Oh dear I am so sorry, not so much for them as for your reputation. Do please write to the Wurtzberg people right away, another dose would be too awful. Recognition from Germany is doubly valuable to your wife after all the lies Stephen etc., have been telling about you. You may not care about these things, but I do.

We continue very well here. Mrs. Whitfield's party was well attended and the children enjoyed themselves exceedingly. It was in the ballroom as the weather has changed and it is cool and fresh today. I hope you are getting the benefit of the cool wave in Washington also, and that it is helping Mr. Johnson. Elsie wants you to come very much but says she will let you stay if Mr. Johnson wants you. But if there is nothing you can do for him can't you come down, I am dreading the effects of the heat on you and want you under my wing.

Helen is better today, and the diphtheria is as completely forgotten as if it had never been the great topic of talk yesterday.

I must close now as it is pretty late. I have done nothing but read and work today so have nothing to say. Please don't forget the artists.

Lovingly yours, Mabel.